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(C) On June 15 Petroleum Ministry Assistant Director General Oivind Johanssen confirmed that Norway will soon formally ratify the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Statute. The Norwegian Parliament consented to the Statute last week, and he viewed ratification as a "done deal." Johanssen stressed that, though the decision is not public, Norwegian FM Stoere supports Germany for IRENA headquarters. The choice of Director General is less clear: Johanssen believes that the GON will likely support a DG from its Scandinavian cousin, Denmark. Post will continue to monitor the issue and report any substantive information.
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